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QUOTE

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1. INTERMINISTERIAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE, CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY OF HOUSING NATIONAL DELEGATIONS, HAS NOT BEGUN TO ALLOT HOTEL ROOMS OR CONFERENCE CENTER OFFICE SPACE. ACCORDING TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS SHOULD NOT LOSE PROBLEM, ALTHOUGH SOME DELEGATIONS MAY HAVE TO BE LOCATED IN MORE THAN ONE BUILDING, MANAGER OF NAIROBI HILTON, THOUGH, OFFERED TO RESERVE 30-35 ROOMS FOR U.S. DELEGATION, WHICH WE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED. HOWEVER, HE MAY BE OVERRULED BY GOK'S ACCOMMODATIONS COMMITTEE.

2. OFFICE SPACE AT CONFERENCE CENTER IS SEVERELY LIMITED. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED

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90 REQUESTS FOR 60 ROOMS, WITH ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES ARRIVING

DAILY. NO POLICY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED YET FOR ASSIGNING ROOMS, ALTHOUGH AS REPORTED IN REFTEL CHAIRMAN THOUGHT PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO DELEGATIONS FROM COUNTRIES WITHOUT DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN KENYA.

3. CONSIDERING PRESENT UNCERTAINTY ABOUT FREE OFFICE SPACE AT CENTER AND VERY LIMITED AVAILABILITY AT EMBASSY, WE HAVE SOUGHT ROOMS IN NEARBY COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS. WE HAVE LOCATED THREE OFFICES RENTABLE ON TEMPORARY BASIS IN BUILDING NEXT TO EMBASSY. ROOMS SHOULD MEET DELEGATIONS'S REQUIREMENTS AND COULD SUPPLEMENT SPACE AVAILABLE IN EMBASSY (CONFERENCE ROOM AND ONE OFFICE). IF DELEGATES EVENTUALLY PLACED IN HILTON, TEMPORARY OFFICES WOULD BE WITHIN EASY WALKING DISTANCE OF BOTH HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER AS WELL. LANDLORD CAN PUT OFFICES AT EMBASSY DISPOSITION FOR MONTH OF MAY AT COST OF APPROXIMATELY 1100 DOLLARS.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO MAKE IRREVOCABLE COMMITMENT WITH LANDLORD FOR MAY RENTAL. IT APPEARS THAT COORDINATING COMMITTEE CANNOT GUARANTEE SUFFICIENT OFFICE ROOMS FOR ALL DELEGATIONS: NOR WILL ASSIGNMENTS TO CENTER BE ANNOUNCED IN TIME TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. THEREFORE, TO AVOID LAST MINUTE SCRAMBLE IN NAIROBI'S LIMITED MARKET FOR TEMPORARY SPACE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE URGENT REPLY FROM DEPT.  
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